

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,)	
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Plaintiff,)	
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vs.)	Case No. 02-cr-40025-JPG
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KEITH D. BROOKS,)	
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Defendant.)	

MEMORANDUM AND ORDER

This matter comes before the court on Plaintiff's Motion (Doc. 64) for Copy. Defendants have no constitutional right to a complimentary copy of any document in their court files. *See United States v. Groce*, 838 F. Supp. 411, 413, 414 (E.D. Wis. 1993). Before providing copies free of charge, a district court may require the requestor to show: (1) that he has exhausted *all* other means of access to his files (*i.e.*, through his trial and appellate counsel), (2) that he is financially unable to secure access to his court files (*i.e.*, through a showing similar to that required in 28 U.S.C. § 1915(a)(2) which includes a certified copy of the prisoner's trust account for the previous six-month period prior to filing), and (3) that the documents requested are necessary for the preparation of some specific non-frivolous court action. *See United States v. Wilkinson*, 618 F.2d 1215, 1218-19 (7th Cir. 1980); *Rush v. United States*, 559 F.2d 455, 459 (7th Cir. 1977); *Groce*, 838 F. Supp. at 413-14.

Defendant has made no such showing that he has attempted to obtain copies from his counsel or that the documents are necessary for the preparation of some specific non-frivolous court action. Therefore, Plaintiff's Motion (Doc. 64) for Copy is **DENIED**.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATED: 12/22/2014

s/J. Phil Gilbert
J. PHIL GILBERT
DISTRICT JUDGE